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SUBJ: LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT

REF: ANKARA 4625

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRIME
MINISTER ECEVIT CONVEYED TO EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 21:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY
DURING THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON.
MY WIFE JOINS ME IN THANKING YOU AND MRS CARTER PARTICULARLY FOR
THE WARM RECEPTION AT THE HOMELY ATMOSPHERE OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE NATO MEETING HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL AND
FRUITFUL AND THE FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS, ENRICHED
BY YOUR VALUABLE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, HAVE CONFIRMED THE
DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF THE ALLIANCE. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE
PROBLEMS EXISTING WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, NO MATTER HOW SERIOUS
THEY MAY BE AT TIMES, CAN BE SETTLED WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF
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THIS DEMOCRATIC TRADITION.

OUR MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN VERY HEARTENING
FOR ME. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
THE OPEN AND FIRM STAND YOU HAVE TAKEN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE
ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF YOUR CLOSE ASSOCIATES,
AND FOR THE SUSTAINED EFFORTS YOU HAVE SINCE EXERTED ON THE

CRUCIAL QUESTION OF THE EMBARGO WHICH HAS MARRED THE
TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND WEAKENED THE ALLIANCE.

YOUR DECISION TO ENGAGE YOURSELF PERSONALLY TO END THIS
UNFORTUNATE EPISODE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN RECEIVED,
BY THE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION IN GENERAL, AS A CONVINCING
SIGN OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ATTRIBUTES TO FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION WITH TURKEY. YOUR
HISTORIC ACTION WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS AN IMPORTANT
STAGE IN THE REVITALIZATION OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE DEEP-ROOTED TIES BETWEEN
THE TURKISH AND AMERICAN NATIONS, BASED NOT ONLY ON THE
MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS BUT ALSO ON OUR COMMON ATTACHMENT TO
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND ON OUR SHARED RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS WILL SURVIVE THE DIFFICULTIES OF RECENT YEARS AND
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND TO DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS IN THE
WORLD.

I WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS, MR PRESIDENT, IN YOUR
SERVICES TO PEACE AND TO YOUR COUNTRY AND IN YOUR EFFORTS
TO LIFT THE EMBARGO WHICH HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE
TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, (SINGED) BULENT ECEVIT,
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PRIME MINISTER

END TEXT

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